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Scheme of Japan for fiscal year 1991
(1 April 1991-31 March 1992)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The present document contains information drawn from published sources 1/ on the operation of the ceiling and/or maximum country amount limitations for fiscal year 1991 (1 April 1991 to 31 March 1992). Subsequent information will be published as it becomes available. 2/

2. Products in Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System chapters 25-97, covered by the scheme and subject to ceilings and maximum country amount limitations, were classified into 146 product groups for the purpose of setting ceilings in fiscal year 1991. Flexible administration of ceilings was applied to 46 of these product groups.

3. During fiscal year 1991, preferential imports of products not subject to flexible administration of ceilings reached the ceiling limit and most-favoured-nation (MFN) tariffs were re-established for the following 48 product groups: chemical products, leather products, wood products, products of igusa or shichitoi, textile products, footwear, jewellery, certain ferro-alloys, certain iron and steel products, refined copper and alloys thereof, aluminium products, refined lead, unwrought zinc and other toys (product groups: 6, 8, 11, 16, 18, 21, 27, 31, 40, 41, 42, 49, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 62, 70, 79, 81, 87, 89, 90, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 107, 108, 111, 113, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 122, 124, 131, 132, 133, 135 and 142.

4. Maximum amount country limitations under flexible administration on preferential imports from individual beneficiaries were applied in the case of 82 product groups. However, information was not available on whether actual preferential imports from individual beneficiaries reached or exceeded the maximum amount limitation on these products. Preferential imports of

20 product groups not subject to flexible administration of the maximum country amount were affected by this limitation and MFN rates were re-established for individual beneficiaries. The product groups affected comprise caustic soda and caustic potash, antimony trioxide, barium salts, dioctyl orthophthalates, pyrotechnica articles, patent leather, wood in the rough of kiri, tatamidoko, basketwork, yarn of carded and combed wool, carpets, embroidery, corsets, gloves, other footwear, wigs, false beards, artificial flowers, copper bars, rods, other base metals, brooms, brushes and paint rollers (product groups: 3, 4, 5, 13, 28, 38, 48, 59, 60, 65, 66, 80, 83, 93, 101, 102, 104, 125, 137 and 145).

5. Preferential imports falling within nine product groups subject either to flexible administration of ceilings or to maximum amount limitations were reported to have exceeded the ceiling but MFN rates were not re-established (product groups: 10, 24, 26, 31, 51, 127, 130, 139 and 141).

6. The ceiling or maximum country amount limitations were applied to preferential imports from the following beneficiaries: all beneficiaries (48 product groups); China (14 product groups); Republic of Korea (9 product groups); Taiwan Province of China (5 product groups); Indonesia, Pakistan and Thailand (2 product groups each); Argentina, Brazil, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka (one product group each).

7. Additional details of imports which reached the ceiling and/or maximum country amount in fiscal year 1991 are given in the annex.

Notes

1/ Kanzei Shuho (weekly tariff bulletin) of 1 May 1992 (No. 2047), Japan Tariff Association.

2/ For a review of the operation of the scheme in earlier years see TD/B/C.5/30/Add. 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 19, 20, 23 and TD/B/C.5/JAPAN/1 to 16.

Annex

Japanese scheme of generalized preferences

Products for which ceilings and/or maximum amounts were reached during fiscal year 1991 (1 April 1991 - 31 March 1992)

Item	Tariff number	Description of goods	ceiling quotas a/	- Beneficiary affected - Date of re-establishment of MFN rate of duty	MFN rate of duty %	Imports from beneficiaries a/ b/
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
3	2815.11; 12; 20	Caustic soda & caustic potash c/	521	- Saudi Arabia - 2 July	4.6 6.4	199
4	2825.80 ex	Antimony trioxide c/	1 298 tons	- China - 1 June	12.8 or 16.8 yen/kg	2 065 tons
(5)	2827.36; 38; 2833.27; 2836.60	Barium salts, etc. c/	10 692 tons	- China - 19 April - Republic of Korea - 29 November	4.6	6 580 tons
6	2849.10; 90 ex	Carbides, etc.	365	- All beneficiaries - 2 July	3	990
(8)	2902.50	Styrene d/	4 455	- All beneficiaries - 5 December	6.4	5 154
11	2906.11	Menthol	15	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	22.4 or 720 yen/kg	49
13	2917.32	Dioctyl orthophthalates	2 634	- Republic of Korea - 1 August	4.6	1 514
(16)	2922.42-1	Sodium glutamates	3	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	16	643
(18)	2939.70 ex	Nicotine sulphate d/	101	- All beneficiaries - 11 June	6.2	129
(21)	3301.25 ex	Peppermint oil containing not more than 65% weight of total menthol	12	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	9.6	57
27	3505.10-2 3505.20	Dextrines and glues	31	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	25 or 30 yen/kg	651
28	3604	Pyrotechnic articles c/	1 031	- China - 1 June	4.8	2 018

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(31)	3901 to 3904 ex 3906 ex 3914.00 ex	Polyethylene, polystyrene, etc. in blocks Granules, flakes and similar bulk forms	10 021	- All beneficiaries - 4 June	4.1-11.2 22.40 yen/kg 25.60 yen/kg	10 158
38	4109.00	Patent leather, etc.	12	- Argentina - 1 August	35	11
(40)	4202.11; 12; 21-32; 91; 92; 9605.00	Travel goods of leather	5 725	- All beneficiaries - 3 May	4.1-20	6 145
41	4205.00 9305.90 ex	Other articles of composition leather, etc.	584	- All beneficiaries - 3 March	6.6-12.8	653
42	chap. 42 ex	Articles of leather	203	- All beneficiaries	3.9-12.5	251
48	4403.90-1 ex	Wood in the rough of kiri c/	1 221	- China - 3 December	2.5	679
49	4407.21-2 4407.99-3 ex	Wood of dipterocarpaceae, not planed nor sanded d/	5 769	- All beneficiaries - 7 January	10	7 306
50	4408.10 ex 4408.20 ex 4408.90 - ex 4	Sheets for plywood d/	978	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	5	2 477
52	4409.20 ex 1 4421 ex 90	Drawn wood of bamboo	5	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	7.5; 10	268
54	4412.21 to 99 4420.90 ex	Other plywood, blackboard, lamin board, etc. d/	624	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.2; 15	3 286
(56)	4419 ex 00	Waribashi	1 223	- All beneficiaries - 29 May	5.6	1 281
57	ex chap. 44	Wood d/	20 016	- All beneficiaries - 1 October	2.5-15	29 207
58	4601 ex 20 4601-91- ex 2	Products of igusa or shichitoi	602	- All beneficiaries - 2 July	6	806

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(59)	4602-10 ex	Tatamidoko c/	688	- Taiwan Province of China - 13 April - Republic of Korea - 30 May - China - 8 October	9.6	542
(60)	4602-ex 10	Basketwork, etc. c/	1 361	- China - 3 April - Philippines - 13 June - Indonesia - 10 October	3.9-9.6	1 832
(62)	5001.00	Silkworm cocoons	829	- All beneficiaries - 11 April	140 yen/kg	884
(65)	5106	Yarn of carded wool c/	243	- Republic of Korea - 23 August	3.2	144
(66)	5107	Yarn of combed wool c/	714	- Republic of Korea Taiwan Province of China - 3 April - Malaysia - 26 April - Pakistan - 14 June - India - 29 June - China - 13 November - Brazil - 28 January - Peru - 12 March	3.2	2 629
(70)	ex chap. 52; 5802-11-19; 5803-10	Cotton	168	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	2.8-11.2 and/or specific duties	179
(79)	5607.10-29 41-90	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables	174	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	3-9.1	277
(80)	5701	Carpets and other textile floor coverings c/	6 886	- China - 3 April - Iran - 29 June - Pakistan - 30 November	9.6	10 200

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
81	5702.10; 31-99 5703 5705.00	Other carpets	5 611	- All beneficiaries - 1 February	6-13.4	6 455
83	5810	Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs	4 847	- China - 7 January	17.9	2 591
(87)	6111.10-90-1 6116.10; 91-99	Gloves, mittens and mitts	395	- All beneficiaries - 11 April	5.6-16.8	406
(89)	6201; 03 ex 6207; 6210.20; 40 ex 6211	Men's and boys' outer garments	3 633	- All beneficiaries - 8 June	11.2-16	3 654
(90)	6202.04 ex 6266 ex 6208.10 ex 6211	Women's, girls' and babies' outer garments	4 311	- All beneficiaries - 12 April	9-16	4 561
(92)	ex 6206 ex 6208	Women's, girls' and babies' under garments	322	- All beneficiaries - 25 February	9-16	325
93	ex 6209 6212 6216 6217 ex 10	Corsets, gloves, stockings, etc. c/	787	- Republic of Korea - 1 June - Thailand - 1 August - China - 3 September - Taiwan Province of China - 3 September	7.8-16	1 559
(94)	ex 6209 ex 6217	Made-up clothing accessories, etc.	933	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	9-16	1 206
95	6213	Handkerchiefs	637	- All beneficiaries	6.4-9	799
(96)	ex 6302 ex 6303 ex 6304	Bedlinen, table linen	2 542	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	4.5-16.8	2 623
97	6305-10 2 6305-20-90	Sacks and bags for packings	0.3	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.9-6.4 and/or specific duties	1 403
98	ex 6403 ex 6404 ex 6405	Footwear with leather outer soles	12 052 dozen	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	27-60 and/or specific duties	56 000 dozen

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(100)	ex 6404 ex 6405	Footwear other with rubber or plastic outer soles	753	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	10-60 and/or specific duties	1 672
101	ex chap. 64	Footwear c/	322	- China - 1 November - Republic of Korea - 1 February	7.5-60 and/or specific duties	875
102	6505.10	Wigs, false beards, etc. c/	51	- Republic of Korea - 3 March	3.8	15
(104)	6702	Artificial flowers	2 915	- China - 10 May	4.6; 8	2 790
(107)	7113	Jewellery articles	4 303	- All beneficiaries	6.2; 6.6	9 107
(108)	7117.19 ex 90 911320 90-ex 2	Imitation jewellery, watch straps, etc.	1 067	- All beneficiaries - 18 October	3.2-12.5	1 071
(111)	7202.11; 19	Ferro manganese d/	5 118 tons	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	7.7	7 065 tons
(113)	7202-30; 50; 70-93 7202 ex 99	Other ferro alloys d/	5 511 tons	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	2-7.2	23 907 tons
116	7208.11-24; 35; 45 7211.12.19; 22; 29	Flat-rolled products of iron and steel hot-rolled d/	77 438	- All beneficiaries - 3 December	3.9, 4.6	103 205
117	7208.31-34; 41-44; 90; 7211.11; 21	Other flat-rolled products of iron and steel hot-rolled d/	62 542	- All beneficiaries - 3 March	3.9; 4.6	70 503
118	7209; 7211.30; 41.49	Flat-rolled products of iron and steel cold-rolled d/	18 815	- All beneficiaries - 3 March	3.9; 4.6	22 570
119	7213.10-49 7214.10-50 7215.10-90	Bars and rods of iron and steel d/	554	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.9; 4.6	15 504
120	7217.11-29 7312 7317	Wire of iron and steel d/	1 345	- All beneficiaries - 2 July	3.9	3 299
122	ex-chaps. 72; 73	Iron and steel and articles thereof d/	31 108	- All beneficiaries - 3 March	3.9-5.2	34 687

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(124)	7403.11-19	Refined copper and copper alloys unwrought	8 767 tons	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	15 yen/kg 500 yen the value of the customs duty/kg	83 385 tons
125	7407.10; 21 ex 29 7408.11-21 ex 29	Copper bars, rods and profiles wire c/	915 tons	- Taiwan Province of China - Indonesia - 1 June	5.8	11 483
131	7601.20	Aluminium alloys d/	26 499 tons	- All beneficiaries - 2 July	1	83 674 tons
132	ex chap. 76	Aluminium products d/	5 370	- All beneficiaries - 2 July	1-10.2	8 076
(133)	7801.10	Refined lead	8 374 tons	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	8 yen/kg 180 yen the value for customs duty/kg	13 971 tons
(135)	7901	Unwrought zinc	12 048 tons	- All beneficiaries - 2 July	5.76-8 yen/kg 250 yen the value for customs duty/kg	12 890 tons
137	ex chap. 81	Other base metals c/	3 405	- China - 1 November	2.6-5.8 and/or specific duties	2 223
(142)	9502	Other toys	4 439	- All beneficiaries - 16 May	4.6	4 796
145	9603.21-90	Brooms, brushes, paint rollers c/	1 486	- China - Taiwan Province of China - 1 August - Republic of Korea - 3 September - Sri Lanka - 3 December - Thailand - 7 January	2.6-8	2 769

Source: Kanzei Shuho (Weekly Tariff Bulletin) of 1 May 1992 (No. 2047) (Japan Tariff Association).

Note: For a detailed description of goods and the applicable rates, see Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan 1991 (Japan Trade Association, 1991).

a/ Million yen unless otherwise indicated.

b/ Of products covered by the scheme.

c/ Flexible administration of the ceiling.

d/ Flexible administration of the maximum amount limitation.